

SUPERIOR COURT OF ARIZONA  
MARICOPA COUNTY

DR 1994-021403

09/23/2010

COMMISSIONER J. JUSTIN MCGUIRE

CLERK OF THE COURT  
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Deputy

ATLAS IV-D 000204822400  
STATE OF ARIZONA, EX REL, DES  
MICKIE LYNN PATTON

MICKIE LYNN PATTON  
5225 STATE ROUTE  
175 SOUTH  
GRAHAM KY 42344

AND

DENNIS E PATTON

DENNIS E PATTON  
1801 W TUCKEY LN #11  
PHOENIX AZ 85015

AG-CHILD SUPPORT-NORTH  
CENTRAL OFFICE  
DOCKET-FAMILY COURT CCC  
FAMILY COURT SERVICES-CCC

IV-D CONTEMPT HEARING

Courtroom 506—Central Court Building

9:14 a.m. This is the time set for Enforcement Evidentiary Hearing on the State's Petition to Enforce Child Support filed May 18, 2010. Petitioner/Mother, Mickie Lynn Patton, is present on her own behalf and participating *telephonically*. Respondent/Father, Dennis E. Patton, is present on his own behalf. The State is represented by Assistant Attorney General Steven G. Smith.

A record of the proceedings is made by audio and/or videotape in lieu of a court reporter.

Dennis E. Patton and Mickie Lynn Patton (Brandon) are sworn.

On the Court's own motion,

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**IT IS ORDERED** amending the caption of this case to correct the spelling of Mother's first name and to update Mother's surname to reflect Mother's true name is now **Mikki Lynn Brandon**.

**IT IS FURTHER ORDERED** directing the Docket Department for the Clerk of the Court to change the name on the caption of this case for Mother from Mickie Lynn Patton to **Mikki Lynn Brandon** effective immediately.

Case status is reviewed and the Court notes that this matter was reset on July 22, 2010, due to the fact that Father received service of process just five (5) days prior to hearing (July 16, 2010). Father did not waive service of process and requested the time allowed by statute to prepare for hearing.

Counsel for the State advises the Court of the State's position and recommendations. Father's child support payment history is recited for the record. This is a first enforcement action.

The Court notes that counsel for the State has advised the Court that payments posted through the Support Payment Clearinghouse for May through July, 2010 by wage assignment. No payments have posted for the months of August and September, 2010.

Mother testifies.

Father testifies.

The Court notes Father has testified in open court he has money for the August, 2010, child support payment with him this date.

Based upon the evidence and argument presented the Court makes the following findings and orders:

**THE COURT FINDS** that Obligor/Father, Dennis E. Patton, is in contempt of Court for failure to comply with a valid support order of which he had knowledge and in remaining current in his child support obligations. Obligor willfully failed to make support payments as previously ordered or some reasonable portion thereof, despite his ability to do so. As a sanction,

Obligor may purge himself of contempt by paying a cash purge in the amount of **\$500.00 CASH ONLY** to the Support Payment Clearinghouse by **5:00 p.m., September 24, 2010**, and by complying with the orders contained in the formal written Enforcement Judgment and Order.

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Father is to deliver a receipt for the cash purge payment to this division. *Failure to pay the cash purge and provide a receipt to this division as specified herein shall result in the issuance of a child support arrest warrant and the purge release amount shall be set at \$1,000.00 CASH ONLY.*

**ANY MONIES PAID AS AND FOR PURGE SHALL BE FORWARDED TO THE  
SUPPORT PAYMENT CLEARINGHOUSE AND APPLIED TOWARD  
SUPPORT/ARREARAGE PAYMENTS.**

**IT IS ORDERED** entering judgment against Obligor/Father and in favor of Obligee/Mother for child support arrears (principal and interest) as stated on the record and as contained in the formal written Enforcement Judgment and Order. Payments shall be paid through the Support Payment Clearinghouse. The payment on arrears shall not be modified without further order of the Court.

The Court's further findings and orders are as contained in the formal written Enforcement Judgment and Order signed by the Court on September 29, 2010 and filed (entered) by the deputy clerk on September 30, 2010.

**LET THE RECORD REFLECT** an Order of Assignment shall initiate electronically by the above-named deputy clerk.

**IT IS FURTHER ORDERED** setting this matter for Enforcement Review Hearing, in this division, on **December 2, 2010 at 1:30 p.m.**, to monitor Father's efforts to gain or maintain full time employment; his efforts to become current in his support obligations and for the Court to determine compliance with all orders:

The Honorable J. Justin McGuire  
Maricopa County Superior Court  
**Central Court Building, 5<sup>th</sup> Floor**  
**Courtroom 506**  
201 West Jefferson  
Phoenix, AZ, 85003  
**602-506-0862**

**In the event Father, Dennis E. Patton, fails to appear for the hearing as set forth herein, a Child Support Arrest Warrant may be issued or a default judgment entered.**

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**IT IS FURTHER ORDERED** affirming Father's child support obligations are \$300 per month for current support, \$99 per month for payment on arrears; plus the applicable Support Payment Clearinghouse fee.

By the next hearing, the Court expects Father to pay no less than \$404 for the interim months until hearing (December 2, 2010) and bring proof of payments to the Enforcement Review Hearing.

**IT IS FURTHER ORDERED** directing the courtroom clerk to *correct* the addresses for both parties in iCIS as stated on the record this date in open court.

9:24 a.m. Hearing concludes.

**LATER**

The Court is provided with Clerk of the Court receipt #20857604, dated 09/24/2010, for payment in full by Father of the cash purge amount of \$500.

**FILED:** Clerk of the Court receipt #20857604 dated 09/24/2010

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